

## 75 GIRLS IN PANIC AT 5TH AVENUE EXPLOSION

**WEATHER**—Fair to night and Wednesday; warmer

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# REBEL CANNON FORCE FEDERALS BACK A MILE IN MEXICO CITY FIGHT

## Ambassador Wilson Reports Rebel Victory, and Madero Announces That He Is Ready to Give Way to a New President.

## MANY SOLDIERS KILLED NEAR AMERICAN EMBASSY.

## Taft Still Opposes Intervention, but Battleships and Troops Are Hurrying to Points Near Mexico.

*Censored Cable Despatches from Mexico.*

**MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.**—President Madero has agreed in principle to the appointment of a President ad interim. This was announced on the authority of the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Lascurain.

The news, which came out of the National Palace, became known throughout the city in the early afternoon. The position of the Government is weakening and the Federal troops are apparently becoming demoralized.

Desultory cannon fire from both the rebel and Federal positions was in progress at noon. The belief was then gaining ground that a settlement of some kind would be reached to-day.

The situation of the Government forces became so critical that one strong detachment of Federal troops retired from the capital and marched in the direction of Cuernavaca, forty miles to the southward.

It was found shortly after daylight that the rebels under Felix Diaz had materially extended their lines and were threatening some of the Federal positions.

Silas F. Gilmore, an elderly American, who has charge of important mechanical works here, was wounded by three bullets in the right forearm as he was walking along Colima street. He got into the

Firing with heavy guns went on practically the whole night from both Federal and rebel positions. In the total darkness, however,

Just about 10 o'clock the firing became hot again and the big guns of the rebels at the Arsenal were brought into play on the National Palace with

One rebel battery has been placed in a position to the west of Nisnagan, within a block of the United States Embassy, and another one from

blocks to the east of the Embassy. These batteries, as well as the Federal  
cannon, maintained silence and everybody in the vicinity of the region where  
fighting had hitherto occurred, which includes what is known as the Ameri-

**Madero Losing Ground.**

**His Troops Forced Back,**  
**Ambassador Begs**

## Ambassador Reports

This news comes directly in uncensored cablegram from Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson and is the first definite news of the real status of the

warring armies in the heart of Mexico City to reach the outside world since Saturday night. The strictly censored despatches of the correspondents, which pass through the hands of a Madero official, hint to-day at what Wilson gives as a fact.

**DIAZ STEADILY ADVANCING.** Yesterday, the Ambassador reports, was a continuous round of conflict during the day and part of the night and the engagement closed with

Diaz steadily advancing his lines into what had been hitherto Federal strongholds. Last night Gen. Huerta, Madero's commander-in-chief, be-

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